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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 020087-003500US

On September 1, 2004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

John O. Lamping et al.

Application No.: 10/017,504

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
GUIDED CLUSTER BASED
PROCESSING ON PROTOTYPES

Customer No.: 20350

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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